

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18-21, 23, 24, 26-29 and 31-35 are now pending in the application. Claims 4 and 7 are amended by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interviews granted on November 3 and 5, 2009. Applicant's representative discussed proposed claims, which are included herein as amended Claims 4 and 7, during the interview. An agreement was reached with the Examiner that the amendments to Claims 4 and 7 overcome all of the rejections in the outstanding office action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended dependent Claim 7 to clarify that each of the trial bearing liner and the trial shell defines a plurality of attachment passages.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bolesky et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,002,577). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above in the Interview Summary, Applicant respectfully submits that an agreement was reached that the amendments included herein to Claims 4 and 7 overcome the outstanding rejections. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that the art cited in the rejections do not anticipate or render obvious a trial bearing liner or a trial shell, attachment member, or locking ring as recited in Independent Claim 4. Accordingly, Independent Claim 4 and dependent Claim 7 should not be in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-29 and 31-35 are allowed.

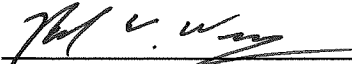
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that these claims are allowed. Applicant further believes that Claims 4 and 7 should also now be allowable. Accordingly, all of the pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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